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In re Application of : PATENT

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the July 5, 2007 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows: